

FINAL AGENDA

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL

State Capitol, Room 172

8:30 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 10, 2009 and 8:00 a.m., Friday, Sept. 11, 2009

NOTE: AGENDA ITEM TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE--SOME ITEMS MAY TAKE MORE OR LESS TIME THAN IS ALLOTTED.

Thursday, Sept. 10, 2009:

8:30 a.m. **Call to Order - Roll Call** - Chairman Vincent

8:35 a.m. **Administrative Matters** - Mr. Everts

1. Adoption of May 28 and 29 EQC Meeting Minutes
2. Adoption of EQC Rules and Procedures
3. EQC Budget Review

8:45 a.m. **Environmental Public Health Tracking**

1. Panel Discussion -- Introduction, Ms. Stockwell
Dr. Mike Spence, formerly chief medical officer with DPHHS
Dr. Todd Damrow, Carroll College, former state epidemiologist
Dr. Andrij Holian, Director, Center for Environmental Health Sciences, UM
Dr. Steven Helgersen, Chief Medical Officer, DPHHS
Anne Weber, Laboratory Services Bureau Chief, DPHHS
2. Questions & Discussion - EQC
3. Public Comment
4. Directions to staff

10:15 a.m. **BREAK**

10:30 a.m. **HJR 1 -- Study of Biomass**

1. Rich Lane -- Camas Creek Enterprises
2. Tom Kaiserski -- Department of Commerce
3. Angela Farr & Julia Altemus -- DNRC
4. Questions & Discussion -- EQC
5. Public Comment
6. Directions to staff

12:00 p.m. **LUNCH**

1:00 p.m. **Adoption of EQC Work Plan**

1. Staff explanation -- Mr. Everts
2. Council Discussion
3. Public Comment
4. Council Decision

1:30 p.m. **Agency Oversight -- Habitat Conservation Plan**

1. Overview -- Mike O'Herron, DNRC, Missoula
Kathleen Ports, USFWS, Missoula
2. Questions & Discussion -- EQC

3. Public Comment

2:30 p.m.

Agency Oversight -- Update HB 674: Issuance of Bonds for Land Acquisition

1. Overview -- Mr. Kolman
2. Implementation -- Director Sexton, DNRC
3. Questions & Discussion -- EQC
4. Public Comment

3:00 p.m.

BREAK

3:15 p.m.

Update HB 669: Distressed Wood Products Revolving Loan Program

1. Overview -- Mr. Kolman
2. Implementation -- Director Tony Preite, Department of Commerce
3. Questions & Discussion -- EQC
4. Public Comment

3:45 p.m.

Agency Oversight: DNRC Homesite/Cabin Leasing Program -- DNRC Director Sexton & Jeanne Holmgren

1. Effects of reappraisal on lease pricing
2. Alternatives
3. Questions & Discussion -- EQC
4. Public Comment

5:00 p.m.

RECESS OF EQC MEETING

Friday, September 11, 2009:

8:00 a.m.

Reconvene EQC Meeting

8:05 a.m.

HJR 30 -- Study of Fire Suppression

1. Update SB 51(2007) -- WUI guidelines, rules hearings -- Ms. Heisel
2. Federal policy changes -- USFS & Bob Harrington, DNRC
3. Update of 2009 fire season -- Bob Harrington, DNRC
4. 2007 Fire Suppression Interim Committee Report , "The Price of Flame"
Questions & Discussion -- EQC
Paul McKenzie, MT Tree Farm System
Peter Kolb, MSU Extension Forestry Specialist
Patty Gude & Mark Greenwood, Headwaters Economics
5. Public Comment

9:00 a.m.

Agency Oversight -- Status of SB 131: Designation of Parcels in the WUI

1. Bob Harrington, DNRC
2. Questions & Discussion -- EQC
3. Public Comment

9:30 a.m.

Agency Oversight -- Wolf Delisting

1. Update on Litigation and Hunting Season -- FWP staff
2. Questions & Discussion -- EQC

3. Public Comment

10:00 a.m.

Agency Oversight -- HB 190 Update: Stream Access

1. FWP Staff
2. Questions & Discussion -- EQC
3. Public Comment

10:15 a.m.

BREAK

10:30 a.m.

SJR 28 -- Study of Recycling

1. Introductions/Overview -- Ms. Nowakowski
2. Rural Recycling Discussion
Dusti Johnson, DEQ
Merle and Mona Shortman, M&M Recycling
Scott Berens, Earth First Aid
3. Questions & Discussion -- EQC
4. Public Comment

11:30 a.m.

HJR 15 -- Tourism/Recreational Access Study Update -- Ms. Stockwell

11:40 a.m.

Rule Review & Agency Litigation Status Report -- Mr. Everts

12:00 p.m.

LUNCH

1:00 p.m.

Agency Oversight -- SB 97 Petroleum Tank Release Fund

1. Overview of Fund's Financial Status -- Ms. Stockwell
2. Update on use of ARRA funds -- DEQ
3. Questions & Discussion -- EQC
4. Public Comment

1:30 p.m.

Agency Oversight -- State Superfund Program -- DEQ Staff

1. Overview of program status
2. Kalispell Pole and Timber, Reliance Refinery, and Yale Oil Corporation site
3. Burlington Northern Fueling Facility in Whitefish
3. Questions & Discussion -- EQC
4. Public Comment

2:15 p.m.

SB 465/SB 507 Update: Implementation of Navigable Streambed Legislation

1. Jeanne Holmgren, DNRC
2. Derek Bell, DOR
3. Questions & Discussion -- EQC
4. Public Comment

2:45 p.m.

Update on Water Policy Interim Committee -- Mr. Kolman

3:00 p.m.

Update on Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee -- Ms. Nowakowski

3:15 p.m.

Public Comment on any matter not contained in this agenda and that is within the jurisdiction of the EQC

3:30 p.m. **Other Business**

3:40 p.m. **Instructions to Staff**

3:45 p.m. **Adjourn**

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